



**CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
37th OAK PARK CITY COUNCIL
January 16, 2018
5:30 PM**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Mayor McClellan in the Executive Conference Room of City Hall located at 14000 Oak Park Boulevard, Oak Park, MI 48237. (248) 691-7544

PRESENT: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Radner, Council Member Burns, Council Member Rich and Council Member Weiss

ABSENT: None

OTHERS

PRESENT: City Manager Tungate, City Clerk Norris, Assistant City Manager Yee, Community and Economic Development Director Marrone Director of Strategic Planning and Special Projects McLain, Recreation Director Stasiak, Director of Technical & Planning Barrett and Assistant City Engineer Surles

SPECIAL BUSIENSS

Nine Mile Re-design and Sherman/Seneca Pocket Parks

Community and Economic Development Director Marrone reviewed the Nine Mile Re-Design project consisting of a road diet, a trail head and pocket parks. Representatives from OHM Advisors were present and contributed to the presentation. Director Marrone reminded everyone that construction on the project would begin in June of this year and conclude by September.

Ms. Marrone continued by reviewing plans for the pocket parks to be located at Sherman and Seneca Streets. Funding for these parks will be provided through grants and ACT 51 funds. She also discussed community engagement activities that began in 2012 and concluded with a survey that yielded a 73% positive response for implementing the parks.

SCM-01-016-18 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SHERMAN AND SENECA POCKET PARKS - APPROVED

Motion by Rich, seconded by Burns, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the following resolution supporting the Sherman and Seneca Pocket Parks:

**CITY OF OAK PARK
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SHERMAN AND SENECA POCKET PARKS

WHEREAS, The City of Oak Park has discussed the feasibility of redesigning Nine Mile Road with the intent to create a downtown atmosphere and include bike lanes, streetscapes, and provide safe alternative transportation options along the Nine Mile Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oak Park has worked with the Center for New Urbanism and Project for Public Spaces to engage the public for input and support of the project; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oak Park has piloted the Sherman pocket park and conducted extensive community engagement, including surveys. The most recent survey shows 73% of responders in support of the pocket parks; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oak Park has worked with the engineering firm of OHM Advisors to design and provide cost estimates for the project; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oak Park supports the acceptance of a grant from Oakland County with partial funding of the project; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oak Park certifies that the financing is secured, available and committed for use in constructing the project; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oak Park authorizes Kevin Yee, P.E., Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works/City Engineer to act as the City's agent during project development on the City's behalf; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oak Park commits to owning, operating, and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Oak Park, Michigan, hereby supports the Sherman and Seneca Pocket Parks and actions required for implementation.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes:	McClellan, Radner, Burns, Rich, Weiss
	No:	None
	Absent:	None

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I-696/Coolidge Overpass Project

Assistant City Manager Yee and OHM representatives reviewed the I-696/Coolidge project design that was previously approved by Council. The budget for the project is \$387,000. Council reviewed three new options for aesthetic enhancements to the project that range in additional cost from \$55,000 to \$120,000. Option 1, consisting of fencing and lighting enhancements, would not require additional approvals from the State of Michigan and was generally favored by council members. The additional cost for Option 1 is estimated at \$55,000. Council also discussed the possibility of considering additional enhancements including the removal of the acorns on the design and hiring an artist to complete a new rendering.

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**MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE I-696/COOLIDGE OVERPASS PROJECT BY USING OHM AESTHETIC ENHANCEMENT OPTION 1, ELIMINATING THE ACORNS ON THE DESIGN AND TO AUTHORIZE UP TO \$200 FOR A NEW ARTIST RENDERING
- APPROVED**

Motion by Burns, seconded by Weiss, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to proceed with the I-696/Coolidge Overpass Project by using OHM Aesthetic Enhancement Option 1, eliminating the acorns on the design and to authorize up to \$200 for a new artist rendering.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes:	McClellan, Radner, Burns, Rich, Weiss
	No:	None
	Absent:	None

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

City Manager Update

Public Act 202 of 2017 – Mr. Tungate briefly reviewed the requirements for local governments as a result of Public Act 202 of 2017 that took effect December 20, 2017. The act requires local units of government to file reports with the Michigan Department of Treasury related to the underfunding of retirement pension and health benefits. He indicated that Oak Park is underfunded in both categories and pursuing options to increase the funding status of the retirement plans will be a key initiative this year. There will be a need for a work session of council dedicated to this issue.

Strategic Plan Revision – Mr. Tungate distributed the summary and detail of the Strategic Plan that will expire in 2019. He reported that many of the objectives in the plan have been accomplished and announced that work will begin on the next plan very soon. Council discussed the possible need to hire a consultant to direct the process.

Audit Contract Extension – Mr. Tungate announced that the City has worked with the current auditor, Rehmann Robson, for 5 years and it is time to consider a renewal of their contract or seek a new auditor. There were no objections to the City Manager bringing a one year extension proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

Service Warranty Program – Council discussed the topic of allowing a private company to provide a warranty program that would help protect homeowners from water service line failures. Utility Service Partners, Inc. offers such a program and would like Oak Park to endorse their program. Council discussed the pros and cons of endorsing such a program. After further discussion there were no objections to having the company present their services at a future council meeting to determine if a relationship is advisable.

Oak Park Ice Arena and Pool – Mr. Tungate reported that Rolston Hockey Group, the company that leases the Oak Park Ice Arena, is interested in the land where the existing pool is located so they can build and maintain a second sheet of ice. After discussion there was general consensus among council members that any proposal would need to provide for a new city pool. Mr. Tungate indicated that the city may need to hire a consultant to look at the entire city campus. There were no objections to considering a proposal in this regard.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk

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